

Sinclair Broadcasting corporation's choice to issue orders to the local affiliates to air a documentary smear (in this case particularly against the Kerry campaign) just days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and of flaunting the current Election Laws.

Rather than being subjected to smear programming produced at Sinclair's Central News facility, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.